

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, August 10th, 2023 | 10:00 am – 1:30 pm
Sutter Club | 1220 9th St, Sacramento, CA 95814

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MINUTES

1. Roll Call

OFFICERS

Chuck Washington | *President*
Bruce Gibson | *1st Vice President*
Jeff Griffiths | *2nd Vice President*
Ed Valenzuela | *Immediate Past President*

CSAC STAFF

Graham Knaus | *Chief Executive Officer*
Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez | *Chief Policy Officer*
Chastity Benson | *Chief Operating Officer*

ADVISORS

Rita Neal | *County Counsels' Association,
San Luis Obispo County*
Wendy Tyler | *Colusa County, California Association
of County Executives, President*

SUPERVISORS

Keith Carson | *Alameda County*
Susan Ellenberg | *Santa Clara County*
John Gioia | *Contra Costa County*
Kelly Long | *Ventura County*
Kathryn Barger | *Los Angeles County (absent)*
Nora Vargas | *San Diego County (absent)*
Buddy Mendes | *Fresno County*
Luis Alejo | *Monterey County*
Bonnie Gore | *Placer County*
Erin Hannigan | *Solano County*
Scott Silveira | *Merced County*
Kent Boes | *Colusa County*
Ned Coe | *Modoc County*
Heidi Hall | *Nevada County*

Treasurer

Vito Chiesa, *Stanislaus County*

2. CEO's Report

Graham Knaus, CEO, provided an update on the Association.

3. Administration of Justice (AOJ) Presentation

Ryan Morimune, Legislative Advocate, and Stanicia Boatner, Legislative Analyst, provided an AOJ overview and highlighted their focus areas for 2023.

4. Approval of Minutes from March 23 and June 29, 2023

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 23 and June 29, 2023, was made by Supervisor Coe, and seconded by Supervisor Ellenberg. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Legislative Update

Graham Knaus, CEO, provided an update on Homelessness and AT HOME next steps.
Jacqueline Wong Hernandez, CPO, provided an update on the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and the Local Government Transparency Act.

6. Minute Mics

Supervisor Hannigan / Solano County

Supervisor Hannigan provided an update on the Vallejo Early Learning Center and the highlighted key objectives and goals of the new center.

Supervisor Ellenberg / Santa Clara County

Supervisor Ellenberg reported on the opening of a new 28-bed adult residential mental health facility that is expected to serve over 700 individuals a year.

Supervisor Alejo / Monterey County

Supervisor Alejo provided an update on the continued impacts of the flooding earlier this year and advised the Committee on ways the county is looking to improve flood protection.

Supervisor Chiesa / Stanislaus County

Supervisor Chiesa highlighted the county's struggle to find ongoing funding for homelessness services. He also reported that the county is expanding its Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment and that it's looking for safe camping sites within the county.

Supervisor Hall / Nevada County

Supervisor Hall provided an update on the county's ongoing efforts for annual vegetation management and wildfire preparedness, which is crucial as the fire season approaches. Additionally, she emphasized the persistent challenges with fire insurance affecting the county.

Supervisor Carson / Alameda County

Supervisor Carson reported on the county's 10-year visioning plan and how the county is re-evaluating the plan as they come out of the pandemic. He also mentioned the county's regional approach to address increasing crime, which includes collaboration with the 9 Bay Area counties as well as other groups.

CAO Wendy Tyler / CACE President

CAO Tyler provided an update on how the California Association of County Executives (CACE) is engaging on the highest priority issues by participation in both the MHSA and IST working groups. She also highlighted the upcoming CACE Conference in October and encouraged the Committee members to have their CAOs attend.

Supervisor Boes / Colusa County

Supervisor Boes reported that the county just began construction on a new permanent supportive housing project with full wrap-around behavioral health services. He also noted that the county has opened a new tri-county juvenile rehabilitation center and that they are getting construction bids on a new senior housing project.

Supervisor Coe / Modoc County

Supervisor Coe reported on the county's need for broadband access and highlighted how the lack of access to broadband has negatively impacted Modoc county. He expressed that any effort to expand availability of funds beyond the middle and last mile would be greatly appreciated by the Eastern counties.

Supervisor Long / Ventura County

Supervisor Long provided an update on the opening of the county's 3rd family justice center and the positive impact it has had on their community. She also noted that they've been receiving FEMA funding which has been crucial in their recovery efforts from previous storms this year.

Supervisor Gioia / Contra Costa County

Supervisor Gioia reported on a joint presentation he made with the Mayor of El Cerrito to the Contra Costa Mayors conference where they discussed importance of county-city collaboration on homelessness services. He also discussed his engagement with cities regarding unpermitted day spas following two recent deaths in his community.

Supervisor Silveria / Merced County

Supervisor Silveria invited members of the committee to join the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee for a tour of projects in the Central Valley. He also noted a new grant program in their county hospital and the positive impact it's had on public health.

Supervisor Mendes / Fresno County

Supervisor Mendes reported on the recent detection of an illicit research lab within the county. He outlined the county's response, and their efforts to initiate hearings and propose legislation in Washington D.C.

Supervisor Gore / Placer County

Supervisor Gore provided an update on the county's recent zoning overlay for high density housing and how recent litigation has forced them to reevaluate and rezone to meet RHNA needs.

Supervisor Griffiths / Inyo County

Supervisor Griffiths provided an update on the impacts the county is facing due to increased snow runoff. He also highlighted the ongoing struggles with their county hospital and emergency medical services.

Supervisor Valenzuela / Siskiyou County

Supervisor Valenzuela reported on the county's lack of volunteer fire fighters and the county's struggles with fire insurance. He also highlighted the assistance from the state and the Unified Cannabis Enforcement Taskforce, which targets illegal and environmentally harmful grow operations.

Supervisor Gibson / San Luis Obispo County

Supervisor Gibson reported on the work the county is doing with its seven cities on homelessness within the framework of AT HOME. He's hopeful that their collaboration will help the cities and county create a well-defined plan to address homelessness.

Supervisor Washington / Riverside County

Supervisor Washington discussed his collaborative efforts with cities, which included hosting homelessness summits. He also highlighted the county's contributions to vital affordable housing projects. Additionally, Supervisor Washington offered a comprehensive update on the progress of ongoing infrastructure projects in the county's wine district. He also reported on the state grant they received to build a wellness village that could hold as many as 200 beds.

7. Operations and Member Services Report

Chastity Benson, Chief Operating Officer, and Farrah McDaid Ting, Director of Public Affairs, provided an update on CSAC Operations and Member Services.

8. CSAC Finance Corporation Report

Supervisor Villegas, CSAC Finance Corp. President, and Alan Fernandes, Chief Executive Officer of the CSAC Finance Corp., provided an update on the status of Finance Corp. and highlighted key events from their Spring meeting, which included the adoption of their budget and the election of officers.

9. California Counties Foundation Report

Paul Danczyk, Chief Operating Officer of the California Counties Foundation, provided an update on the Foundation, and highlighted upcoming classes and programs that the Institute will be starting in the coming months.

10. Closed Session

The Executive Committee met with legal counsel in closed session to discuss potential litigation.

Meeting was adjourned. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on October 4-6 2023.